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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/763,810	Applicant(s) BAMDAD ET AL.	
	Examiner Deborah A. Davis	Art Unit 1641	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 May 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 121-131 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 121-123, 130 and 131 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 124-129 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 129 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group II, claims 124-129 in the reply filed on April 11, 2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the two inventions have not been shown to impose a serious burden. This is not found persuasive because the MPEP 802.01 provides that restriction is proper between inventions which are independent or distinct. Here, the inventions of the two groups are distinct for the reasons set forth in the previous Office Action. As to the question of burdensome search, the inventions are classified differently, necessitating different searches. Further, classification is merely one indication of the burdensome nature of the search involved. The literature search, patent search, double patenting search which encompass different data bases and resources, in which the search does not appear to be coextensive. Different searches and issues are involved in the examination of each group. For these reasons the restriction requirement is deemed to be proper and is therefore made **FINAL**.

Status Identifiers

2. Although applicant cancelled claims 2-120 in the previous office action, the status of the amendment should still identify claims 2-120 as previously cancelled in the current amendment response. Appropriate action is required.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 129 is objected to because of the following informalities: The limitation QCM or SPR in step d) should be spelled out. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 124-129 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hutchens et al (USP#6,225,047).

The claims are broadly drawn to a method of determining interactive characteristics of a first sample comprising exposing at least three surface regions, each exposing a different chemical, biochemical, or biological functionality to a second sample; (column 4, lines 21-43). Hutchens teaches a method of screening analytes in two sample cell extracts that are differently expressed and can be identified by exposing the sample cell extracts to a variety of adsorbent/eluant combinations for analysis by desorption spectrometry. The claim further recites determining an interaction pattern of the second sample with the at least three surface regions to which the second sample has been exposed indicative of an interaction characteristic between at least two

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components of the second sample with each of the at least surface regions (column 13, lines 54-58) the adsorbent/eluant combinations are multiplex adsorbent characterized by many different species having different binding characteristics (interaction patterns) with the samples they are exposed to. The claim further recites comparing the interaction pattern of the second sample with the interaction pattern of the first sample (column 43, lines 49-57), wherein proteins that are differentially expressed in a sample compared to normal samples may be information in identifying diagnostic markers. With respect to claim 126 the samples can be drugs (column 11, lines 60-61). With respect to claim 127, the samples can comprise of a plurality of different species (column 13, lines 55-59). With respect to claim 128, the sample can comprise products of a cDNA library (column 17, lines 60-66). With respect to claim 129, Hutchens teaches that two different cell extracts containing analytes are exposed to many different species during the screening of libraries for drug candidates which examiner interprets to meet steps a) through c). Claim 125 further comprise exposing the second sample to a third sample prior to exposing the second sample to the three surface regions and comparing the interaction pattern of the second sample to the interaction pattern generated when the second sample has not been pre-exposed to the third sample. Hutchens teaches embodiments wherein surface regions 1 through 8 are exposed to a target protein 1 and target protein II (second sample) and protein – protein binding interaction is studied by desorption spectrometry (Figure 14, column 11, lines 45-48) and a drug candidate (third sample) is exposed to the second sample which is

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target protein II and is monitored by desorption spectrometry (Figure 15, column 11, lines 49-59) which is interpreted to meet the limitation of claim 125.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

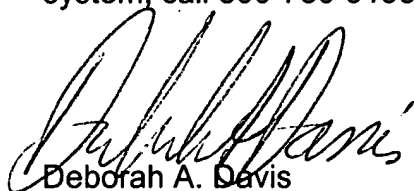
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deborah A. Davis whose telephone number is (571) 272-0818. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Davis Deborah can be reached on (571) 272-0818. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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